

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

I. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

II. AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

The following changes to the claim below were agreed upon on 09/30/2011 by Kavon Nasabzedeh, Michael D. Specht, and the Examiner. Further, Examiner is allowing in to the record the Supplemental Amendment filed on 06/20/2011.

CLAIM 140. (Currently Amended) A user station comprising:

a user interface;

a processor; and

an information transport component;

wherein the processor ~~being~~ is configured to execute the information transport component

to enable access at the user station, via the user interface, to first fixed information content from a first portable storage medium together with first related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the first fixed information content and the first related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a first single collection of information content, and to second fixed information content from a second portable storage medium together with second related remote information content from one or

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more remote information content sources such that the second fixed information content and the second related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a second single collection of information content,

wherein the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium are provided by different independent publishers,

wherein the first single collection of information and the second single collection of information are different:

wherein the user interface is customized with respect to the first fixed information content in response to access of the first fixed information content and is customized with respect to the second fixed information content in response to access of the second fixed information content, ~~and~~

~~wherein the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium include a specification of predefined transport tasks, and wherein farther, the user station~~ information transport component initiates connections to one or more remote information content sources in accordance with ~~the~~ predefined transport tasks specified by the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium to retrieve the first and second related remote information content, and wherein the information transport component includes an application programming interface that is configured to provide a communication interface between the information on transport component and the user interface as customized with respect to the first fixed information content and between the information transport component and the user interface as customized with respect to the second fixed information content.

CLAIM 148. (Currently Amended). The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are made in accordance with the ~~specification of predefined transport tasks included in the fixed~~

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~~information content stored on~~ specified by the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium.

CLAIM 179. (Currently Amended). A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium, having stored thereon:

first program logic ~~to enable~~ for enabling access, via a user interface, to first fixed information content, from a first portable storage medium, together with first related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the first fixed information content and the first related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a first single collection of information content, and ~~to enable~~ enable for enabling access, via the user interface, to second fixed information content from a second portable storage medium together with second related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the second fixed information content and the second related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a second single collection of information content, wherein the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium are provided by different independent publishers and the first single collection of information and the second single collection of information are different,

second program logic for customizing the user interface with respect to the first fixed information content in response to access of the first fixed information content and for customizing the user interface with respect to the second fixed information content in response to access of the second fixed information content; and

third program logic ~~including a specification of predefined transport tasks~~ for initiating a connection to one or more remote information content sources to retrieve the first and second related remote information content in accordance with ~~the~~ predefined transport tasks,

wherein the first program logic includes an application programming interface configured to provide a communication interface between the first program logic and the user interface as

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customized with respect to the first fixed information content and between the first program logic and the user interface as customized with respect to the second fixed information content.

CLAIM 188. (Currently Canceled)

CLAIM 189. (Currently Canceled).

CLAIM 190. (Currently Canceled).

CLAIM 191. (Currently Canceled).

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance based on the previously and currently cited prior art. The Examiner's Amendment to the claims above; therein, the independent claim 140 and 179 includes allowable subject matter and considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure, taken individually or in combination, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the claimed limitations having:

“..wherein the processor is configured to execute the information transport component to enable access at the user station, via the user interface, to first fixed information content from a first portable storage medium together with first related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the first fixed information content and the first related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a first single collection of information content, and to second fixed information content from a second portable storage medium together with second related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the second fixed information content and the second related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a second single collection of information content,

wherein the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium are provided by different independent publishers,

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wherein the first single collection of information and the second single collection of information are different;

wherein the user interface is customized with respect to the first fixed information content in response to access of the first fixed information content and is customized with respect to the second fixed information content in response to access of the second fixed information content,

wherein information transport component initiates connections to one or more remote information content sources in accordance with ~~the~~ predefined transport tasks specified by the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium to retrieve the first and second related remote information content, and wherein the information transport component includes an application programming interface that is configured to provide a communication interface between the information on transport component and the user interface as customized with respect to the first fixed information content and between the information transport component and the user interface as customized with respect to the second fixed information content.”

The remaining dependent claims are allowed by virtue of their dependencies on the independent claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4157. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

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